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SUBJECT: BULGARIA NONCOMMITTAL ON DELAYING THE APPROVAL OF THE EU-SYRIA ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

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(SBU) Polec officer delivered above reftel points to the MFA's Stanislav Nikolov, Deputy European Correspondent, Political Affairs Directorate on January 13. He noted that the EU-Syria Association Agreement has not yet been signed, and that under the French Presidency the EU wanted to "step-up" relations with Syria, but "nothing concrete has happened on that front."

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